



Co-op Board Asks Increase In Maximum Dividends

Decision to recommend that the maximum dividend payable on shares be raised from 3 to 5 percent and the appointment of a director to fill a vacancy were made by the board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services last week.

Approved was a recommendation that newcomers to Greenbelt be presented with a selection of Co-op products. Other appointments approved by the board were two members each to the membership and education committees.

One of the two motions to make certain changes in the by-laws made at the annual membership meeting on February 5, to be acted upon at the next quarterly meeting in May, as required by the by-laws, was to increase from 3 to 5 percent the maximum dividend on shares of capital stock.

At the board meeting last week, the directors gave consideration to this matter and voted to recommend to the members that they approve the motion. It was felt that such a change would create more incentive for Greenbelters to purchase additional shares of stock, which would aid in providing additional shares of stock, which would aid in providing additional capital for the expansion program.

No formal consideration has yet been given by the board to the other motion to make patronage returns payable to members only. This matter is to be taken up at a future meeting.

In connection with the recommendation to make the change in dividend payments, one of the directors made the following statement to the Co-operator: "The action was prompted by the need for additional capital to provide for the expansion of the enterprises and by the desire that as much as possible of this capital be supplied locally so that borrowing may be kept at a minimum."

George E. Timmons, of 16-J Ridge Road, was appointed by the board as a director to fill that vacancy created by the resignation last month of Lindsey Thomas. The unexpired portion of Mr. Thomas' term is about five months and Mr. Timmons has been appointed to fill that office for that period, as required by the by-laws.

Presentation to new residents of a selection of Co-op goods is intended to introduce these products to the newcomers. After a trial period, the results of this project will be carefully analyzed to determine whether the practice should be continued.

Citizens Discuss Income Limits

Dull at the start, Monday night's meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens Association worked up to an exciting finish before the adjournment at 11:00 P.M.

Only definitive action of the evening was a motion asking Greenbelt Consumer Services to lower the theater admission for children.

For nearly an hour those present argued the over-income situation in Greenbelt. Several motions were made, but as the purpose of action taken soon became confused, it was finally decided to strike from the record all action taken on the subject of income limitations for residents.

Although presentation of the new constitution and bylaws had been heralded as the big feature of the evening, the reading aroused only a few comments. Action on the new constitution and bylaws will be taken at the April meeting.

A profit of \$42, returns on the Washington Birthday dance, was reported by Larry Pinckney, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Open Forum Meets In Spring

The Educational Committee of the Citizens Association met in the Elementary School, Friday night, February 28, to authorize a subcommittee to look about for available speakers to talk on current national topics of general interest. This is in connection with the resolution passed by the Citizens Association at its last monthly meeting, to the effect that Greenbelt have a forum on current topics.

The Forum will open this spring, with emphasis on audience participation. There will be only two meetings this season; but next fall, if this season's forum is successful, an organized series will be started early enough so as not to interfere with the various activities of the spring months.

Airport Shifts Forestry Service

Some time ago Greenbelt transferred a large tract of its land to the United States Forestry Service, Division of Department of Agriculture, to use in working out experiments in forestry in connection with the Beltsville Experimental Farm. That tract was recently taken by the U. S. Government for an Army airport. The result is that the Forestry Service has to find new property for its experiments. A suitable tract has been located near Blue Pond, Maryland, and is being considered by Mr. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture.

Students Invade Greenbelt In Quiz Blitz

For about 100 Greenbelt housewives, Tuesday afternoon turned into a quiz session when a group of University of Maryland students canvassed the town with a list of 41 questions covering every phase of life in Greenbelt. The youthful interviewers were performing this task as part of the class in Economics of Consumption conducted by Dr. A. R. Marshall, Professor of Economics at the university.

From such general questions as, "On the whole, do you like to live here?", the list narrowed down to queries on how cheap living in Greenbelt is; whether transportation is satisfactory; on medical care; the cooperative stores; recreation facilities, etc. Interviewers expressed considerable interest in the questions regarding purchasing of supplies. Some of these included the following:

"What part of your groceries do you purchase in Greenbelt?"

"Should loss leaders or specials be sold at the stores?"

"Do you think prices, considering quality, at the Food Store are lower, higher or about the same as at the Sanitary, A & P and other chain stores?"

"Do drugs at the Drug Store cost more, less or about the same as elsewhere?"

Promising to be of unique interest are the replies to a section of the questionnaire which asks for unsolicited significant remarks by the interviewers about Greenbelt.

An amusing incident occurred during one interview. Immediately after the student had asked a lady (name withheld on request) whether she thought pets ought to be allowed in Greenbelt, a little poodle dashed into the room, wagging his tail happily. "Dogs are attracted to me," the young man explained, and calmly continued his interview.

Co-op Pays \$985 Cash Dividend Guesser Wins By A Nose

Eligible to receive \$2,385.95 of their patronage return and dividend payments in cash, members of Greenbelt Consumer Services elected to take only \$985.48, leaving the remaining \$1,400.47 in the business, it was announced Monday. Checks have been mailed to those requesting the cash return.

M. T. Chelstrom, of 19-A Parkway, who "guessed" that \$973.00 of the amount available would be withdrawn, and announced as the winner of the Co-op hand vacuum cleaner in the contest sponsored by the G.C.S. Mr. Chelstrom's guess was only 4 cents closer to the actual figure than that of Mrs. Fred Ryerse, of 2-B Gardenway, who submitted a figure of \$998.

As previously announced, 50 percent of the patronage returns and share dividends payable to members eligible to receive these credits was available in cash, the balance in additional shares of stock.

Members of the Board of directors were gratified that the amount of cash requested was no greater. Additional capital will be needed by the cooperative for the expansion program and the \$1,400 not requested in the form of cash may now be used for this purpose.

"This voluntary action by our members is concrete and convincing evidence of their interest in the cooperative and of their desire to do their part in helping it to meet the demands placed upon it by the expansion of Greenbelt," said the president of G.C.S.

"Our cooperative," he continued, "could have no stronger asset than such loyal support by its members."

Home Owners Make National News

A description of the Greenbelt Homeowners Cooperative appears in the February issue of the Monthly Labor Review published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Entitled "Cooperation in the Building of Homes" the article discusses the Greenbelt project in relation to the movement in the country as a whole, taking up also the cooperative housing plans at Penn-Craft, Pennsylvania; Iona, Idaho; Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Madison, Wisconsin; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota.

Co-ops Celebrates Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of the founding of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. will be celebrated at dinners to be held in Chicago on March 18, the anniversary date, and in New York on March 20, it was announced recently.

The Chicago dinner will be jointly sponsored by Central States Cooperatives and Chicago co-op groups. The New York celebration will honor Dr. James P. Warbasse, president of the League since its founding, and Agnes D. Warbasse, its educational director during the first 12 years.

A.M.A. On Trial As Trust For Co-op Discrimination

By John Carson

Washington, D. C. (CLNS) - The so-called medical trust is on trial in the United States District Court at last — defending itself against the indictment of the government and the Department of Justice that it violated the anti-trust laws in seeking to crush and destroy a consumer group health organization, Group Health Association, Inc., of Washington.

The American Medical Association, the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, the Washington Academy of Surgery, the Harris County (Texas) Medical Society and some 20 doctors, prominent in national and local organized medical groups are standing before 12 jurors — four of them salesmen, two of them corporation employees, two housewives, a mail carrier and an engineer.

This is no ordinary trial. It is historic for many reasons, probably as important historically as is the fight over the lease-lend bill in Congress. It is the first time in our history that a legal attack of this kind has been made on the ramparts of organized medicine — organized medicine which long has been recognized in political life as the most powerful group and most effective lobby in the country, more powerful than are the churches in a world where men are more concerned about the life of the body than they are about the life of the soul.

It is also an extraordinary trial, an extraordinary episode in our history, because even the most casual visitor to the courtroom must feel the heavy pall of "tradition" which hangs over judge and juror and spectators alike. There is that tradition that the medical profession is sacred and always right, that there is the holy of holies where no layman dare enter, that there is a peculiar society where always exists the virtues of faith, hope and charity. The spectator must ponder on how free 12 jurors can be from that tradition.

The American Medical Association has not overlooked the importance of that tradition. That group hired one of the highest priced and most skillful of criminal lawyers in Washington. He has not overlooked that tradition. The legal question involved in this trial is whether this organized group by blacklist and threat and purge controlled the right to practice medicine in Washington. Put the cross-examining lawyer has devoted little time to that precise legal question. He has done much to wave the flag of tradition.

"The standards of practice shall be guided by the principle of rendering service to humanity — what you get for it is secondary," he shouted to the jurors as he told them of the A.M.A. precepts. And he added, "Group Health was out to destroy the standards of private medicine". Again, early he dragged in the word "herd" so that it would be applied to the members of Group Health.

About six years ago, employees of the Home Owners Loan Corporation became worried over the terrific drain sickness was making on their pocketbooks. With the help of the Corporation, which also was interested in maintaining the health of its workers, they organized Group Health. They also got assistance from E. A. Filene's Good Will Fund. They sought the cooperation of the Washington medical profession in making their plans successful and for a time it seemed there would be no trouble.

Then, suddenly, all the furies were let loose. Doctors who had been friendly, became bitterly opposed to the plan. Doctors who signed to serve Group Health were threatened and a number resigned and at least one frankly said his whole professional career was in jeopardy. It was apparent that the "blacklist" was adopted, a purge was ordered. Even a little medical association in Harris County, Texas, reached out to warn a Washington doctor who had lived in that county. Charges of all kinds were flung around Washington and in those days a whispering campaign floated through drawing rooms and cocktail rooms. Group Health was an insidious foe of the public, "a subversive group," "red," and "communistic". Somehow Group Health survived and now is a growing, healthy organization. Eventually the Department of Justice indicted the doctors and their organizations.

Hedge Busters Sadden Angus

"Who says this will be a late Spring?" demanded Landscape Gardener Angus MacGregor last week. "The frost is practically out of the ground; the squirrels are frisking about; there's crocuses and hyacinths have blooms showing. I'm just afraid Spring will catch up on me. My fingers are itching to get into some grass seed. I'll be planting trees, too, at the end of the month. We'll have our storms and bad weather in March, of course. We always do. But a late Spring? No sir!"

The only gloomy note in Mr. MacGregor's voice crept in when referring to the grass and hedges around town. "I've never seen them look worse," he said. "I wish you could put something in the paper about it so that maybe people would be more careful!"

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Even In Greenbelt

The Credit Union is Greenbelt's organization for financial equalization, in that it provides a type of cooperative banking system. It has been a place of investment for some, and for others the Credit Union furnishes sums demanded by emergencies.

On January 3, 1938, the Union opened for business. Twenty-nine people joined, forming a capital of \$7.25. After three years of activity, there are 734 members and a capital of \$23,000. Growth was exceedingly rapid the first three months due to enthusiasm for a new organization. Later, development became slower. Those people experiencing a need for cash apparently made up the greater percentage of new members. The present period, in which membership is fairly consistent, is controlled by the secure reputation our credit union has established. To join, one must either work in Greenbelt or be a resident of the town.

Only one full time salary is paid to carry on the business. In addition, the manager receives ten dollars per month for her work. All other services are voluntary. In this way, expenses are kept extremely low.

The motives of the Credit Union are truly cooperative. Through it, we can help others by putting money into the pool for friends to borrow without embarrassment. In looking over reports of records, we are surprised to find that some of our neighbors are not making payments promptly. Many apparently have no legitimate explanation for the delay. Is that the proper attitude? Is that being fair to those whose money you are using or to others who may wish to receive a loan? Certainly, Greenbeltians will not let such conditions exist for long.

Perhaps many are not aware of the following facts: Authorities have the right to attach property of delinquents after seven days. However, Greenbelt's Board deals with these cases in an understanding manner. But if the situation continues as it has been, the more strict laws will be observed. Of the three hundred loans made, forty are delinquent. Twenty of the forty will probably never be allowed to borrow again.

Neighbors, let us make the Credit Union the Co-operative organization it was meant to be. We can do it.

On What Is Not Treason

Some time ago the magazine of a large patriotic organization in America published an article entitled "Treason in the Textbooks." In this article the author very artlessly named a number of books and magazines now being used in the schools and branded them as being treasonable. Among them were the publications Scholastic, Civil Education Service, Silver Burdett, and numerous others. All the above named publications have demanded and secured retractions and apologies from the organization. This unfortunate incident brings to light two questions: (1) The questions of what is treasonable or patriotic, and (2) The danger of irresponsible activity with respect to issues concerning the schools and patriotism.

With reference to the first question, National Education Association Associate Secretary William G. Carr offers an answer:

What is treason? What is patriotic?

"It is not 'treason' to teach that American ideals require a fair chance for everyone in terms economic, social, and educational opportunity.

"It is not 'treason' to teach that these ideals are not yet fully achieved and to stir the enthusiasm of youth to attain these ideals more fully.

"It is not 'treason' to teach that the current developments in our economic life put great strain on the institutions of democracy and to summon up youthful vigilance and courage to meet the challenge.

"It is not 'treason' to teach that many different races and peoples have made a worthwhile contribution to our American culture.

"It is not 'treason' to teach the importance of the civil liberties, nor to give practice in the responsible use of these liberties in dealing with debatable public questions.

"It is not 'treason' to teach that the United States can learn some useful lessons from the experience of other countries.

"It is not 'treason' to teach important truths, even though those truths be distasteful to powerful interests in the community; no treason yet, not yet in the United States of America."

N. E. A. Journal

Braden Roams; Gathers No Moss

It might be of interest to Greenbelt residents to know in what cities their town Manager, Roy S. Braden, is making surveys of housing problems for the U. S. Defense Commission, on which project he is to be gone 30 days. The cities include Atlanta, Macon and Columbus in Georgia, and Jacksonville, Pensacola and Tampa in Florida.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

There have been a lot of nasty remarks made about conscientious objectors in recent months. In the Fall a young minister, Rev. Arle Brooks, a worker with the American Friends Service Committee, refused to register and January 10th found him sentenced by a federal court in Philadelphia to a year and a day in prison. The following is a statement by Federal Judge George A. Welsh which is probably unique in the record of federal courts:

"I have to obey the law," said the judge. "I would obey the law if it meant my life. I must sentence you as a judge, but as a man with sons I admire your strength of character, although I don't share your views. Countless millions feel as you feel and are in accord with your ideals you have expressed. You must have wrestled with the problem in solitude, but America is not normal today and you must be charitable with us. Consider that I am your father, and I am talking to you as if you were my son. It may seem hard for a boy to feel that the ideals he stands for are stricken down and that he will have to wear stripes in a prison cell, but the law of the land must be obeyed. The sentence I give you is imposed upon me as a judge ordered to uphold the law. What I am about to do makes me feel like Pontius Pilate."

The editorial from which this was taken added this sentence: "Who was on trial in that Philadelphia court-room?"

Co-op Trains For National Defense

To meet the increased demand of cooperative societies for trained personnel due to conditions growing out of the defense emergency, Rochdale Institute, national training school in consumer cooperation, has advanced the opening date of its spring term to April 7th. The Institute, now completing its fourth year of operation, is chartered by the University of the State of New York, and offers training in many fields of cooperative business, administration, organization and education.

Rochdale Institute's training program includes a period of "internship" with selected cooperative societies. Graduates of Rochdale Institute are already employed by cooperative associations throughout the United States and Canada in such fields as insurance, credit union organization, farm supply distribution, food store and gas station management, co-op medical administration, co-op organization, education, and government work with Rural Electrification Administration and Farm Security Administration.

The faculty of Rochdale Institute includes cooperative leaders, professors in educational institutions in New York and experts who give special instruction in technical phases of the cooperative movement. Tuition for the three-month Spring, 1941, courses of training beginning April 7 is \$50. A catalog, application form and other information may be secured from Lionel Perkins, Registrar, 167 W. 12th Street, New York, N.Y.

Club Reviews "While England Slept"

The Book Club is one of the most entertaining and informative features of our little town--so far very little advertised but none the less worth while. The group meets every two weeks on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in room 200 of the Community Building and is presided over by Claire Duter. An outstanding book is selected for consideration each meeting and someone capable of presenting a stimulating picture of its contents is chosen to review.

Some of the works studied recently are: "Trelawney" by Margaret Armstrong, "The Mad Booths of Maryland" by Stanley Kimmel, "As I Remember Him" by Hans Zinsner and "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway.

At the next meeting, Tuesday, March 11, Mr. Ed. Walther is scheduled to review "While England Slept" by John Kennedy. All who are interested are invited to attend this meeting.

Public Health Nurse Begins Duties

Greenbelt has a new public health nurse, Mrs. Irma L. Face, who started her duties as such on March 3. Mrs. Face was previously connected with the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society in Washington, with which she has been associated for the past 12 years. She graduated from Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, after which she was made supervisor of the psychiatric ward at Gallinger Hospital. After

a few months, however, in January, 1929, she took the position with the above mentioned Society, which she has held ever since.

Mrs. Face is at present living in Silver Springs, Maryland, but because she thinks Greenbelt such an ideal spot for children (she has two of her own) she is seriously contemplating making Greenbelt her home.

COOPERATOR DEADLINE MONDAY EVENING

DON'T STUNT THE COLT

The board of directors of Central Co-operative Wholesale at its last meeting held a lengthy discussion on the question: Should earnings be retained in the institution as additional capital, or returned to the consumers in the form of cash savings returns?

This question is a most vital one for co-operators everywhere to discuss, with reference not only to their wholesale but to their retail societies as well. Obviously, co-operatives cannot progress unless they have adequate capital in the form of premises, machinery, stocks, etc.

Some assume that because the Central Co-operative Wholesale has been running along successfully for over 20 years it should be in a position now to return substantial cash benefits to its member societies. But the fact of the matter is that CCW is still in knee pants. It should not be expected to make cash returns, any more than a spindly yearling colt should be expected to pull a load. Like the colt the CCW will be stunted and perhaps irreparably injured if it is forced to yield earnings at a time when all of its strength should go into the production of bone and muscle. Like the colt it must be given plenty of good food and care for a long time yet before it will be mature and capable of earning at a maximum.

And the same is probably true of your retail co-op. Some co-operators have the fantastic idea that if they contribute \$5 to the capital of their retail co-op, that will be sufficient to enable it to render all the retail services a consumer requires.

Think what is YOUR attitude toward the CCW? Do you think of it as a "youngster", or have you come to assume that it is a mature organization, capable of producing at a maximum or near-maximum? If the latter, you are living under an illusion. No co-operative wholesale can be considered mature until it possesses plants for manufacturing practically all the goods it distributes, and until its debts are paid and it has liquid reserves large enough to purchase any new capital equipment that may be reasonably needed.

The CCW is a long way from that goal. Its manufacturing program is still in the infant stage. It operates to a large extent on borrowed money, and this fact in itself produces overcaution and hampers expansion, since it is necessary to keep a considerable amount of assets liquid in order to meet these debts should the creditors demand.

We urge co-operators to think this over and see whether or not they have, perhaps, been harnessing a young colt to a load which only a mature horse could be expected to draw. ---Cooperative Builder

Nearby Riding Academy Opens

Those in Greenbelt who enjoy horseback riding will be glad to know that a new riding academy has been opened just outside Greenbelt. This academy, known as the Green Tree Riding Academy, is located on the Branchville Road, a quarter of a mile from the Greenbelt High School, and is under the supervision of Mrs. Doris Zebley and Mr. Karl Ahrens.

It is reported by those who have already made use of the academy that the bridle paths to be used around the vicinity are beautiful. To mention only a few: A lovely ride may be taken down the gravel path to the high school, around the lake and across the dam; another path may be taken through Indian Springs; another to the Boy Scout camp site, and others to the water tower and Schrom's Airport.

So get acquainted, all you equestrians.

Schmid Appointed Scout Leader

Eugene Schmid, 22-F Crescent Road, has been selected as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 252, the Scout Committee of the Citizens Association announced this week. Mr. Schmid has 11 years experience in scouting. He will work with Scoutmaster Horace "Chick" Turner who is in charge of Troop 252.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Attend Church on Sunday. Go to the Church of your choice.

The Community Church conducts its School for Christian Living beginning at 9:30 in the Community Building. You will find classes for all ages. There are excellent adult classes--the Men's Class in the Home Economics Room and the Women's Class in the Music Room. The Hour of Worship is 11:00 A.M. in the Community Auditorium.

The Community Men's Class will hold its second annual banquet in the social room of the school building on Saturday, March 8, at 6 P. M. The "Red" team, losers in the recent attendance contest, will again do cooking, serving, and entertaining. Chef Morrison, in charge of the eating end of the program, promises a feed that will make last year's banquet look like a light-lunch.

TRANSFERS

Dayton Hull from 46-B Crescent to 8-A Hillside
Albert Barstis from 14-C Parkway to 14-A Crescent

U.S. Gives Tips On New Brooms

It pays to examine the fibers in brooms before you buy, says the Consumers' Counsel Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"Brooms are made of broomcorn -- which looks like stiff straw -- and of palm fiber, especially Chinese palm fiber.

"In a broomcorn broom, look to see if there is a mixture of curly and rough fibers. Best quality will have only a few fibers with split ends, and the splits will be short.

"The Bureau of Home Economics says a palm fiber broom will last several times longer and will be more satisfactory to use than broomcorn brooms, though they cost more. For one thing, they don't flip up the dirt and dust so much when you sweep. They wear down more evenly.

"You can tell a Chinese palm fiber broom by the metal jacket attached to the handle into which the fibers are set. When the fiber wears down, the metal jacket can be removed and the rows of stitching and binding that holds the fibers together can be ripped out to get more wear from the broom. If you buy a palm fiber broom, pick a light weight one, and one with long fibers.

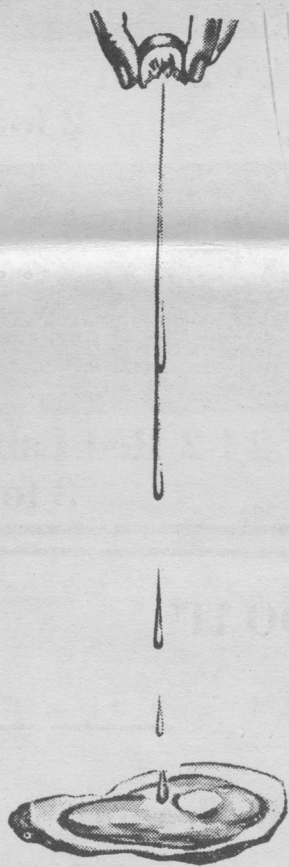
"Dipping palm fiber brooms in water once a week will help preserve the fiber. Hang them to dry on the handle end, never on the sweeping end. Do not wet broomcorn fibers."

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY HOLDS ST. PATRICK DAY SUPPER

The Hospital auxiliary will celebrate its March quarterly meeting with a supper in the Social room on St. Patrick's Day night, Monday, March 17. Mrs. Gertrude Griggs is in charge of general arrangements and reservations are being received by officers of the organization.

The president, Mrs. Betsy Woodman, announces that there will be no after dinner speeches and no toastmaster -- "just a sociable evening and the order of business.

On the agenda is discussion of the Spring Dance to be given by the auxiliary on the first Saturday after Easter, and plans for the annual meeting in May.



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Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt:

Back again, but I'll be darned if I'll take up column space to tell you about it. If anybody wants to spend an evening being bored to death with all the lurid details of how frightened I was at driving across a frozen lake, do come up. I even have pictures, to complete the torture!

—Peggie A.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

Block A Better Buyers group will meet Friday evening, March 7, at 8 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Claud Benson, 6-F Ridge Road. Mrs. Joseph Bargas will be in charge of the meeting and the discussion will center on frozen foods.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Patty Beebe

Hello there!

Those of you who spent the week-end steaming your heads, starving on a liquid diet, concocting grandma's favorite remedy and coming out, as I did, with the usual nil results should heed a doctor who said "If you treat a cold you will recover in about a week, but if you leave it alone it'll take about seven days." Amen.

Let's congratulate Greenbelt's latest full-fledged lawyer, Mr. Curt Barker of 21-C Parkway who became a member of the District Bar last week. He is a senior at Georgetown Law School. Next case...

Our travelers this week are the Oscar Johnson family of 3-C Gardenway who are leaving this Saturday for a trip to the City of Sunshine, St. Petersburg, Florida where they will remain at least (and who can blame them) two weeks. The other travelers are only going one way for Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Land, formerly of 8-A Hillside have moved to Clifton Forge, Virginia where they will open a jewelry business.

The latest addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Wessels of 4-E Southway isn't in the nursery.... it's an aeroplane which they're boarding at Mr. Shrom's Airport. It's a little blue and yellow job.

Speaking of arrivals, when Lucky Letkemann of 2-D Woodland was doing a little arithmetical figuring on those twenty fish one of his little Black Mollys brought forth beside the twenty-assorted young by various other fish that inhabit his aquarium, his little brother, Grant, who is a year and a half must have decided that things had gone far enough (or else his curiosity got the better of him) just up and (college boys, look to your laurels) swallowed seven of the slicky-wiggles. No ill-effects have been reported as we go to press.

Entertaining this week were the Don Coopers of 6-H Ridge who entertained Mr. and Mrs. August Horowitz of New York, over the week-end. Mr. Horowitz is Executive Secretary of the Polar Society. They were returning from their honeymoon in Florida. Mrs. Lois Bowman of 2-E Southway entertained her Bridge Club on Thursday evening. The next meeting of that club will be at the home of Mrs. Mary Cross, 13-Q Ridge. And last but not least unless you want to be technical is Little Ronald Fisher, of 54-E Crescent who entertained friends at dinner, Sunday, March 2, in celebration of that all important occasion his first birthday.

If you didn't get a chance to bake that cake, or pie, or rolls or cookies OR if you hadn't intended anyway, dash (and you'd better if you expect to be rewarded) to the Co-op drugstore for the tastiest home-cooked pastries you've ever bought. I'll take a baker's dozen please.

Another tip. With summer getting closer we'd better get out the tape measure take stock and then pick some of the oodles of exercises appearing in the daily papers and the many women's mags. They will work for you if you work them. Remember now, thirty minutes a day until you hear the first splash in yonder pool.

GREENBELT'S NEW BABIES

A new Greenbelt baby who should have been announced in the last Cooperator is the 7 pounds-and-something son born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Zimmerman of 10-D Hillside. The baby arrived February 23, in a Washington hospital.

The Craig Brents of 6-B Parkway have a new daughter, Sally, born in Washington February 27, at 7:40 A. M.

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RECIPES

By Peggy Bargas

About this time of the year, sort of 'twixt winter and spring, we find ourselves looking through cookbooks in the hope of finding something a little different. Our old favorites are not as tasty as they used to be. Maybe we are just tired or not hungry. What we really need is a change, not only to perk up the appetite but to again put enthusiasm into the preparation of the way to a man's heart. The following recipe is a little different than the usual poultry recipes. I hope you will find it fun to make as well as delicious.

Creole Chicken Roll

2 tablespoons butter	1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons Co-op flour	1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 cup chicken stock or	2 cups cooked chicken, chopped
1/2 cup stock and 1/2 cup milk	

Melt butter in sauce pan; remove from heat, add flour; stir to a smooth paste.

3 cups Co-op flour
4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in shortening; add minced parsley. Make a well in center of flour mixture; add milk; stir with a fork until flour disappears. Knead dough on lightly floured board a few seconds; roll out dough about 1/3 inch thick. Add liquid gradually stirring constantly; cook until thick. Add seasonings and chicken. Set aside to cool.

6 tablespoons shortening
2 tablespoons minced parsley
1 1/2 cups milk

Spread dough with chicken mixture; roll up as for jelly roll. Place roll on lightly greased baking platter or shallow pan. Pinch ends of dough together. Bake in moderate oven. (400 F) for 35 minutes. Remove from oven; brush top lightly with melted butter to soften the crust. Cut into thick slices and serve hot with Tomato Sauce.

WHO SAID GLUTEN?

Gluten makes the difference between flour for bread and flour for cake and pastry, inform experts in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The quality as well as the quantity of gluten determines the purpose for which the flour is best suited.

"Flours most suitable for bread-making have relatively more gluten and less starch than those best suited for pastry and cake," say these experts. "Gluten gives dough its elastic character, and holds it together when it rises.

"Special cake flour"--selected from flours best adapted for cake-making--is highly bleached to weaken the gluten present in it. Pastry flour is made from soft wheat and has a relatively low quantity of gluten. This latter kind is not bleached purposely to weaken the gluten, but to give it a whiter color. So-called 'all-purpose' flours are a compromise between 'strong' or bread flour and 'weak' or cake flour.

"Flour from soft wheat, best for cakes, has a soft velvety texture. Hard wheat flour usually is more gritty. Rub a pinch of the flour lightly between your thumb and finger to feel whether it is smooth or gritty. Or squeeze a handful of flour tightly in your fist and then note if the flour remains in a mold and shows your fingerprints. If it does, it is a soft flour."

A free bulletin of the Department of the Agriculture, "Homemade Bread, Cake, and Pastry," has more information about flour. You can get a copy by writing U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and asking for Farmers' Bulletin No. 1775.

SCHOOL DAYS

Our aim in the year is to conserve the Wild Life of Greenbelt. All year we have been studying the habits, food and shelters of the different birds and animals. During that time we have made many houses and feeding stations for the wild life. Every time we have put these houses up, someone takes them down. Our school loves nature and its wild life, but we are getting discouraged. Evidently some people do not love nature as much as we do. We would like the cooperation of every citizen in Greenbelt to help make this Nature Trail a success. We would also like to thank Mr. Mabey, Mr. Panagoulis and Mr. McGregor for helping us with our Nature Trail.

Group 3 and 4

Mrs. J.S. Tompkins and Mrs. P.L. Westfall, the grade mothers of Mrs. Ruth Keane's room at the Greenbelt Elementary School, were hostesses at a tea given in the Social Room, February 18. They were assisted by the other teachers of Group 4. A program of short talks on the new school curriculum was followed by entertainment provided by the children, with Barbara Runion acting as Mistress of Ceremonies. Those taking part in the program were Patricia Brown, Marilyn Maryn, Marshall Pywell, Melvyn Schumaker, Ruth Cushing, Tim Evans, Nancy Nagle, Richard Summers and Mary Lewis.

The girls of Mrs. Keane's room, carrying out a red, white and blue color scheme, poured tea and served dainty cookies and candies to the visiting mothers.

THE CO-OP MOVEMENT-AFTER WAR

By P. J. Agnew

The challenge of Nazi aggression has brought a grave responsibility to the British people to defend their democratic principles and institutions which has been rendered all the greater by the defeat of their Allies. This has meant for our national leaders a more intense prosecution of the war to the exclusion of consideration of all other issues.

All questions of reconstruction at the end of hostilities are relegated for some future time when it is presumed the pressure of the war will have lessened. The preoccupation of our co-operative leaders with the daily problems arising from the war has made all considerations of after the war problems more or less impossible. In such a situation there is a real peril and danger to our democratic institutions and specially to the co-operative movement. In view of the fact of this delayed action the articles of Mr. Barnes in recent issues of the News are timely and opportune for the studios consideration of all co-operators, and it is my earnest wish that definite steps will be taken to consider and decide on the issues raised by Mr. Barnes.

The effects of the war on the movement are accumulating daily. Government control of prices, quantities and qualities of food, evacuations, damage to co-operative premises from enemy action, 100 percent. E.P.T., Purchase Tax, reduced margins on controlled goods, still more war taxations, and at the end the prospect of fantastic figures of war debts and the young lives sacrificed for our security.

What are our plans for the situation at the end of the war? For over 30 years leaders have been urging action on the problems of amalgamation, co-ordination of production, overlapping, dividend policy, and discipline within the movement. Our loosely knit units each a law to itself will not be endured.

We must plan and act now to make the co-operative movement equal to the test of the aftermath. Without this preparation the movement may be swept aside. Government and municipal control may take over the organization of the production and distribution of the domestic needs of the nations if the movement hesitates or delays putting its house in order. Time is a factor of major importance. The revolutionary situation which will arise at the end of the war will not await for our debates and discussions.

While making no attempt to deal with the points raised by Mr. Barnes, I appreciate his general approach to the problems to be dealt with in planning for the aftermath.

I am glad the "Press" is arranging conventions for England, and hope Scotland will have an early opportunity of discussing the pamphlet to be issued in a similar convention.

Mr. Barnes' proposals can be made the basis of a policy of reconstruction for the co-operative movement which can be made supplementary and complementary to the new social order visualised after war's ravages have ended. —The Scottish Co-operator

"Cooperatives in Germany have been enslaved by the State" states the International Cooperative Alliance via Cooperative League of the U.S.A. The German cooperative movement was once one of the strongest in Europe and "today", the report reads, "the German Coops' membership and trade are disintegrating and their democracy has been destroyed". (The Maritime Cooperator)



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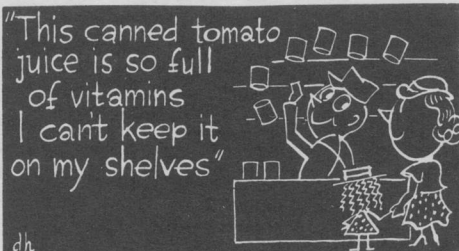
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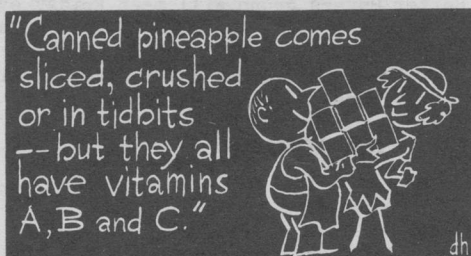


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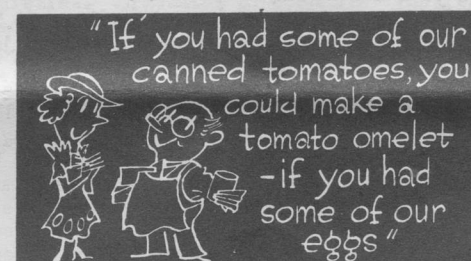
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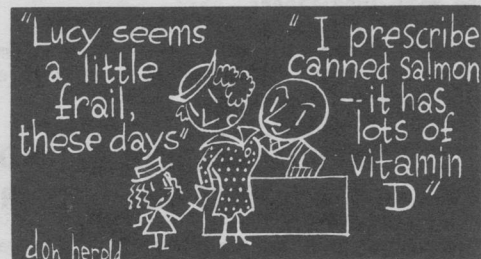
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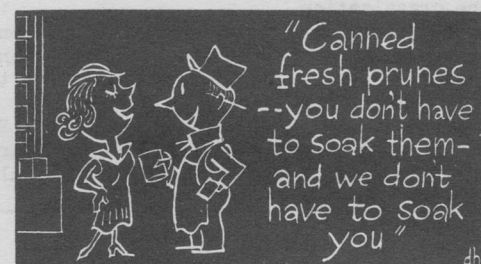
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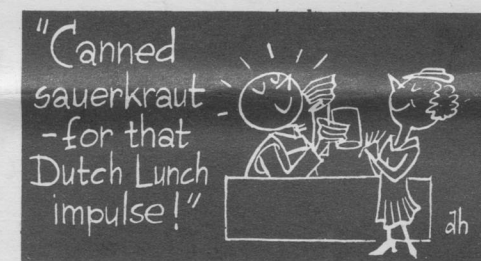
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